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**Office Action Summary**

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GOODWIN ET AL.

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 November 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.  
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McMillan in view Bernstein et al (hereinafter, "Bernstein", 5,761,071).

As per claim 1, McMillan discloses a method of limiting access to a web page by an operator of a network kiosk comprising the steps of:

- (a) receiving a request to display a web page by the kiosk (abstract, col. 3, lines 11-21, lines 65-67 and col. 4, lines 1-30);
  - (b) determining an address of the web page (col. 3, lines 65-67 and col. 4, lines 1-30);
- However, McMillan does not explicitly disclose:
- (c) determining a current time;
  - (d) determining an unacceptable period of access to the web page; and
  - (e) preventing access to the web page if current time falls within the unacceptable period.

Bernstein discloses a self-service kiosk system including:

- (c) determining a current time (col. 6, lines 40-62);
  - (d) determining an unacceptable period of access to the web page (col. 6, lines 40-62);
- and

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(e) preventing access to the web page if current time falls within the unacceptable period (col. 6, lines 40-62).

Given the teaching of Bernstein, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify McMillan by implement security control software within the web information kiosk in order to include instructions for preventing access to the web page if current time falls within an unacceptable period allowing a user to access information within the time limit specified by the operator/owner in a timely and efficient manner.

As per claim 2, McMillan discloses the invention substantially as claimed.

However, McMillan does not explicitly disclose wherein step (c) comprises the sub-step of:

(c-1) determining a current data and time of day.

Bernstein discloses a self-service kiosk system including:

(c-1) determining a current data and time of day (col. 6, lines 40-62).

Given the teaching of Bernstein, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify McMillan by implement security control software within the web information kiosk in order to include instructions for determining a current date and time for accessing the kiosk allowing a user to access information within the time limit specified by the operator/owner in a timely and efficient manner.

As per claim 3, McMillan discloses a method of protecting personal information in a web page displayed by a networked kiosk comprising the steps of:

receiving a request to display a web page by the kiosk (abstract, col. 3, lines 11-21, lines 65-67 and col. 4, lines 1-30);

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- determining an address of the web page (col. 3, lines 65-67 and col. 4, lines 1-30);
- comparing the address to a list of addresses (col. 3, lines 65-67 and col. 4, lines 1-30);

However, McMillan does not explicitly disclose

if the address is in the list of addresses,

determining a current time of day and current date;

- determining an unacceptable period of access to the web page; and
- preventing access to the web page if current time of day and current date fall within the unacceptable period.

Bernstein discloses a self-service kiosk system including:

if the address is in the list of addresses,

determining a current time of day and current date (col. 6, lines 40-62);

- determining an unacceptable period of access to the web page (col. 6, lines 40-62); and
- preventing access to the web page if current time of day and current date fall within the unacceptable period (col. 6, lines 40-62).

Given the teaching of Bernstein, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify McMillan by implement security control software within the web information kiosk in order to include instructions for preventing access to the web page if current time falls within an unacceptable period allowing a user to access information within the time limit specified by the operator/owner in a timely and efficient manner.

As per claim 4, McMillan discloses a network kiosk comprising:

- a display for displaying web pages (col. 3, lines 65-67 and col. 4, lines 1-30);;

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- an input device for selecting the web pages (col. 3, lines 65-67 and col. 4, lines 1-30);;  
and
- a computer which receives a request to display a first web page from the input device, determines an address of the first web page (col. 3, lines 65-67, col. 4, lines 1-30 and lines 41-51); determines a current time, determines an unacceptable period of access to the first web page, and prevents access to the first web page if current time falls within the unacceptable period.

However, McMillan does not explicitly disclose a computer which:

- determines a current time, determines an unacceptable period of access to the first web page, and prevents access to the first web page if current time falls within the unacceptable period.

Bernstein discloses a self-service kiosk system including:

- determines a current time, determines an unacceptable period of access to the first web page, and prevents access to the first web page if current time falls within the unacceptable period (col. 6, lines 40-62).

Given the teaching of Bernstein, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify McMillan by implement security control software within the web information kiosk in order to include instructions for preventing access to the web page if current time falls within an unacceptable period allowing a user to access information within the time limit specified by the operator/owner in a timely and efficient manner.

***Conclusion***

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Pat. No. 6,286,029 to Delph

U.S. Pat. No. 5,953,725 to Ephrahim et al

U.S. pat. No. 5,761,683 to Logan et al


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LaShonda T. Jacobs whose telephone number is 703-305-7494. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 703-308-7562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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